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2. MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY DR. FRANCISCO GUERRERO INFORMS EMBASSY THAT THE IBARRA CASE IS STILL ON PRESIDENT MAGANA'S DESK. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MAGANA, AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF, COULD PREVAIL ON THE MILITARY JUDGE TO RELEASE IBARRA EITHER FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY, OR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. GUERRERO WOULD MAKE NO PREDICTIONS ON THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THE CASE. EMBASSY WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

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3. AMBASSADOR AGAIN RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT MAGANA OCTOBER 5. MAGANA SAID HE NEEDS TO PERSUADE VIDES CASANOVA TO AGREE TO RELEASE AND THAT VIDES WOULD NOT BE BACK FOR TEN DAYS. HE INDICATES HE WILL TELL VISITING LUTHERAN BISHOPS THAT HE WILL HAVE A DECISION FOR THEM ON DR. IBARRA AFTER VIDES GETS BACK (I.E. WITHIN TEN DAYS). MAGANA SEEMS TO HAVE HAD SOME KIND OF ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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MIX UP OF IDENTITIES ON IBARRA CASE (POSSIBLY WITH ANOTHER PRISONER WHOSE CASE IS SIMPLER) AND HAD TO WITHDRAW HIS EARLIER OPTIMISTIC STATEMENTS ABOUT RELEASE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CASE CLOSELY AND KEEP YOU INFORMED. PICKERING

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